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INTELLIGENCE REPORT

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BECAUSE OF VOLUME OF MAIL RECEIVED, PARADE REGRETS IT CANNOT ANSWER QUERIES ABOUT THIS COLUMN.

ELIZABETH RAY

COLLEEN GARDNER

JOAN HITCHCOCK

JUDITH CAMPBELL EXNER

THE KISS AND TELL EPIDEMIC

This is not only the year of the Bicentennial, it is the year of the Kiss and Tell.

First we had the confessions of Judith Campbell Exner, telling of her nights in Las Vegas, Miami and Washington with John F. Kennedy, a President of the U.S., Sam Giancana, a leader of the Chicago Mafia, Johnny Rosselli, a Hollywood Mafia chieftain, and how she owed it all to Frank Sinatra who introduced her to the boys.

Mrs. Exner's confessional was followed by Joan Hitchcock's, a San Francisco matron who detailed how after John F. Kennedy allegedly impregnated her, he grew surly and suspicious when he had to pay twice for one abortion.

Of more recent vintage is the sexual saga of Elizabeth L. Ray, who came to Washington, D.C., from Marshall, N.C., to graduate into a semi-public utility of sorts.

Between July 1, 1972, and May 24, 1976, when she was fired after alleging that Chairman Wayne L. Hays (D., Ohio) had kept her on the House Administration Committee payroll as his mistress, Elizabeth Ray was paid a total of $35,000.

During those four years she worked for Rep. Kenneth J. Gray (D., Ill.), who served in the House from 1955-75. She clerked for Rep. Mendel J. Davis (D., S.C.), and she was listed as a secretary for Congressman Hays, at 65 apparently one of the great Lotharios of the legislature.

Miss Ray's rolls in the hay have been confirmed by secretary Colleen Gardner. She says she performed similar tricks for Congressman John Young (D., Tex.).

Publisher & FDR

There is also the case of Dorothy Schiff, the 73-year-old publisher who owns the New York Post and who claims in print to have engaged in high jinks of a type with the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The high jinks don't appear to have been sexual, although Mrs. Schiff describes Roosevelt as "a warm, sexy guy."

Why are these women kissing and telling all in print? Money in many cases seems to spin the plot.

Explicit paperback

Elizabeth L. Ray--known as Betty Lou to her North Carolina mountain kin--is the author of a $1.75 paperback entitled "The Washington Fringe Benefit." It is thinly disguised fiction and frankly pornographic, leaving little to the imagination except the names of the roving legislators she serviced while on the government payroll.

Miss Ray's outstanding heroine in life has always been the late Marilyn Monroe, who was passed around for lunch by Hollywood studio executives. What was good enough for Marilyn Monroe served as an example for Miss Ray. In the prime of her career Marilyn Monroe reportedly enjoyed a sexual relationship with a President of the United States. The best Elizabeth Ray could manage, at least to date, was a U.S. Senator or two, although she did on occasion set her cap for "Kid" Kissinger, the Secretary of State. But she failed to ensnare Henry.

In any event, publishing sources estimate that possibly 5 million copies of Miss Ray's scandalous paperback will be sold before the year is out.

There's money in it

Revealing one's sexual intimacies with politicians is developing into a profitable cottage industry. Judith Campbell Exner reportedly received a $350,000 advance for her 436-page memoirs involving John F. Kennedy. No matter how well or poorly written, the Exner book is destined to make the best-seller list.

For years women have enjoyed gossiping about their sex lives with the famous and near-famous because it heightens their self-esteem. Now it has reached the point where it heightens their bank accounts as well.

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